



230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas 78390

Phone (361) 528-3512

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MAY 23, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
230 GREEN AVENUE, TAFT, TX. 78390**

Notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of May, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at which time business will be conducted in accordance with Texas Government Code 551 as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call Regular City Council meeting to order.
2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Prayer.
5. Citizen comment.
6. City Manager Report.
 - Current Projects, Future Projects, Current Operations, and/or Future Operations.
 - Presentation of Financials.

7. Consent Agenda

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmation majority vote. Items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

- A. Consideration and approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Consideration and approval on Financials.



Ordinance / Resolution / Other Action Items:

This section shall provide for all other official discussion and action items provided for consideration by the Council.

8. Consideration and possible action in regard to establishing an employee plaque recognition program celebrating employee anniversary milestones after one (1) year of service, after five (5) years of service, and each fifth (5th) year thereafter. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
9. Consideration and possible action in regard to renovation costs at the Blackland Museum and authorizing the City Manager to seek bids for construction and further authorizing the City Manager to reallocate budgeted funds in an amount to cover the construction costs and authorizing the City Manager to expend the reallocated funds. **(Presenter: Blackland Museum Representative)**
10. Consideration and possible action in regard to the City of Taft Library construction project architect costs and authorizing the City Manager to reallocate budgeted funds in an amount sufficient to cover the architect's cost; and further authorizing the City Manager to expend the reallocated funds. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
11. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution No. 674 a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Taft, Texas, Authorizing and Designating the Official Signatures of the City of Taft for Banking and Depository Services. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
12. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution No. 675 adopting the City of Taft Banking Depository Policy. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
13. Consideration and possible action in regard to adopting the yy - ## format for the numbering of the City of Taft resolutions and ordinances. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
14. Consideration and possible action in regard to declaring 14 water meters located at Mr. Roy Mirabal's RV/Trailer Park as surplus; establishing and setting a price and authorizing the City Manager to sell the water meters to Mr. Roy Mirabal. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
15. Consideration and possible action in regard to issuing a letter of cancelation for waste management services to AWS and forwarding a copy to AWS's new ownership group Frontier Waste Management; and directing the City Manager to issue an RFP for waste management services. **(Presenter: Councilman Rodriguez)**



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16. Consideration and possible action in regard to directing and authorizing the City Manager to establish investment accounts with Texpool for the General Fund, Water/Sewer Fund, Paving Fund and Hotel/Motel Fund; and further authorizing the City Manger to expend city funds in funding each investment account. (**Presenter: City Manager Linn**)
17. Consideration and possible action in regard to establishing a Summer Bash community event to be held once per month in June, July, and August; to include entertainment and food; and authorizing the City Manager to expend city funds regarding the event. (**Presenter: City Manager Linn**)

Executive Session

18. **Closed Session:** City Council will meet in Closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:
 - *Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)* A governmental body may conduct a private consultation with its attorney when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation:
 - Sid Arismendez v. City of Taft
 - *Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations)* to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations:
 - Taft EDC
 - *Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)* to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:
 - Interim City Attorney.



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19. **Open Session:** The City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

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- Sid Arismendez v. City of Taft

- *Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations)* to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations:

- Taft EDC

- *Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)* to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

- Interim City Attorney.

20. Consideration and possible action in regard to directing the City Manager to seek Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) for Professional Legal Services. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

21. Consideration and possible action in regard to establishing a date and time to conduct a workshop for the purpose of discussing items related to modifying the Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 of the City of Taft Codified Ordinances. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

22. Items to consider for placement on future agendas. **(Governing Body, City Manager, City Attorney)**

23. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events. **(Governing Body, City Manager, City Secretary)**



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24. Adjourn.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 528-3512 or FAX (361) 528-3515 or email mtopper@cityoftaft.net for further information. Braille is not available.

The City Council of the City of Taft reserves the right to convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code: Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) on any of the above items.

Certification

I, Molly Topper, certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted at the front doors to the City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on the 19th day of May, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.



Molly Topper, City Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

On the 11th day of April 2023, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular meeting at 402 Park Street, Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

#1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM CHECK

Randy Powell	Mayor
Rolando Rodriguez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Leonard Vasquez	
Chris Keeney	Absent
Alonso Molina	

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell.

Others Present: Sid Arismendez, Interim City Manager; Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary; Bernie Saenz, PW Director (see attached list for guests present)

#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilman Rodriguez led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

#3. VISITORS

David McCarty requested a presentation regarding his business at the next regular meeting.

#6. PRESENTATION FROM PAUL FRITSH, GCGV PRESIDENT & DR. VINCENT TORRES, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ON AIR MONITOR PROGRAM

Paul Fritsh introduced Dr. Vincent Torres who gave a presentation regarding air monitor statistics near the New Growth Ventures facility in Gregory, Texas.

#4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to approve the regular meeting Minutes of March 14, 2023.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: Keeney
The motion carried.

#5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CITY OF TAFT FINANCIAL AUDIT

Mr. Phil Vaughn, auditor, was unable to attend this meeting. Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina to table this item.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: Keeney
The motion carried.

#7. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING A PERSON TO FILL A VACANT POSITION ON THE CITY OF TAFT PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilman Molina motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez, to appoint Glenn Searcy to the Taft Planning and Zoning Committee.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: Keeney
The motion carried.

8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE AWARD OF THE ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CITY'S 2023-2024 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) APPLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ENGINEERING CONTRACT IF FUNDED

Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to award the engineering services contract to Ardurra for the preparation of the City's 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) application and subsequent engineering contract.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: Keeney
The motion carried.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Mayor Powell, to amend the prior motion to include the language identifying street improvements as the grant project.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: Keeney
The motion carried.

#9. DISCUSS CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION NO. 668 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND AND ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES: 1. A1003 EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY; 2. A1015 FAIR HOUSING POLICY; 3. A1004 SECTION 504 POLICY AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES; 4. CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY; AND 5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN.

Mayor Powell motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez, to accept resolution No. 668 as read.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

#10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION NO. 669 AUTHORIZING CITY REPRESENTATIVES TO ACT IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Discussion included the language "The Mayor, City Manager and Interim City Manager" and amending the resolution to remove Interim City Manager.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Mayor Powell, to approve Resolution No. 669 Discuss, Consider And Act On Resolution No. 669 Authorizing City Representatives To Act In Matters Pertaining To The City's Participation In The Texas Community Development Block Grant Program to remove Interim City Manager and include the language "City Secretary and/or City Council".

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

#11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH BOUNDARIES OF A HISTORIC DOWNTOWN/COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez, to approve Resolution No. 670 To Establish Boundaries of a Historic Downtown/Commercial District for the Purpose of Applying for Financial Assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

#12. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AN AREA OF THE DESIGNATED HISTORIC DOWNTOWN/COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AS A SLUM/BLIGHTED AREA

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez to approve Resolution No. 671 to Declare an Area of the Designated Historic Downtown/Commercial District as a Slum/Blighted Area.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

#13. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (DRP) APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Councilman Rodriguez, motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez, to approve Resolution No. 672 authorizing the submission of a Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

#14. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATORIES FOR THE 2023 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (DRP) APPLICATION AND FUTURE GRANTS ADMINISTERED THROUGH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TDA GO GRANTS ONLINE

Council discussed the language that included "Interim City Manager" and "City Secretary and City Council" on the resolution.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez, to Approve Resolution No. 673 Authorizing The Signatories for the 2023 Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) Application and Future Grants Administered Through Texas Department of Agriculture TDA Go Grants Online with the removal of Interim City Manager and include the language City Secretary/and or City Council.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

#18. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON \$200,000 PAYMENT FROM TAFT EDC TO THE CITY OF TAFT FOR PURCHASE OF STREET PATCHING MACHINE

Mr. David Smith, President of Taft EDC, responded to this item saying that the process for any payments of this nature is lengthy. He requested that this item be tabled so that he can prepare for a presentation at a later date. *illegal*

Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Mayor Powell, to table this item.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

#15. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON INSPECTION REPORT OF WATER STORAGE TANKS WITHIN THE CITY OF TAFT BY U.S. UNDERWATER

Mr. Arismendez reported that an inspection had been made inside and outside of the elevated water storage tank and that the ground storage tanks had also been inspected. He will repost this agenda item so that Council can consider taking action for repairs.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez to table this item.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

#16. DISCUSS COMPLIANCE OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS ON "OPEN MEETINGS ACT TRAINING AND CYBERSECURITY TRAINING"

Mr. Arismendez reported the mandated trainings on the Open Meetings Act and Cyber Security. Councilman Molina reported that he had taken the Cyber Security training on-line and would bring a copy of his certificate. All agreed to comply with the mandates.

#17. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY, EPI YSASSI TO SEEK A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT FROM THE FEDERAL ORDER ENTERED IN CIVIL ACTION CAUSE NO. C-84-230, BEFORE THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

Interim City Attorney, Epi Ysassi asked Council to consider questions and authorizing him to seek a Declaratory Judgment from a Federal Court to interpret the Order handed down in 1989 asking whether the City operates under a City Manager form of government or Mayor and City Council

Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to authorize Interim City Attorney, Epi Ysassi to Seek a Declaratory Judgment from the Federal Order Entered in Civil Action Cause No. C-84-230, before The United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

#19. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON SELECTING THREE MEETING DATES TO 1.) TO NARROW SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER APPLICANTS; 2). CONDUCT INTERVIEWS; AND 3.) MAKE FINAL SELECTION FOR CITY MANAGER OF THOSE APPLICANTS INTERVIEWED

Mayor Powell named the candidates from the original five candidates selected at a prior meeting: Brandon Dross, Robert Eads, Sid Arismendez, Brent Sheets and F. E. Angell. Of those five, he reported that two candidates were no longer interested, leaving Sid Arismendez, F. E. Angell and William Linn with no additional applicants.

Mayor Powell motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to conduct interviews on Monday the 17th and make a final selection from those applicants interviewed on the 17th.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Keeney

The motion carried.

20. CITY MANAGER REPORTS/UPDATES

Fire Station: doors have been ordered and awaiting delivery

Wells Fargo Building: Chairs will be ordered for the next meeting and the drive thru will be opened tomorrow.

Alvarado Senior Center: it is completely finished. Senator Morgan LaMantia has agreed to help furnish computers.

Splash Pad: foundation has been poured and features added, except for the turtle. An electrician will supply power for lighting.

TCEQ Complaint: City needs to keep a complaint log. Bernie Saenz, Public Works Director reported on water & sewer plant offices and on-site reports; water and sewer line repairs procedures.

City Swimming Pool: a previous bid of \$700,000 for repairs had been submitted last year. A different company has been contacted for a quote for inspection and recommended repairs.

Revenue and Expenditures Report: City Manager explained the report and updated percentages of year-to-date expenses and revenues.

21. CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Vasquez – would like an updated report on the TxDOT sidewalk project

Councilman Keeney – absent

Councilman Rodriguez – would like a report on the sidewalk and street repairs on Davis Road and Pecan Street left after a sewer repair; update on cement street sign removals

Councilman Molina – questioned street work on Oak Street and San Patricio Avenue; wants to review duties of City Secretary; agenda items being requested and not placed on the agenda (City Manager reported that not all items requested are agenda items, and that he had addressed each request by e-mail)

Mayor Powell – asked that Free Fall & Associates be added to the agenda for a presentation at the next meeting; a city manager report of the Retama Ave & Gregory Street RFPs (City Manager reported that Hector is working on an RFP with a 4" removal and will have a breakdown by project)

18. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: Kenney

The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

Randy Powell

Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Topper

City Secretary

CITY OF TAFT
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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| 1. DAVID SILVA | 19. _____ |
| 2. DAVID A. SMITH | 20. _____ |
| 3. VINCENT TORRES | 21. _____ |
| 3. Brady Fontenot | 22. _____ |
| 5. PAUL FRITSCH | 23. _____ |
| 6. ROSENDO CRUZ | 24. _____ |
| 7. Bernice Saenz | 25. _____ |
| 8. Jay PhAGAN | 26. _____ |
| 9. David McCarty | 27. _____ |
| 10. Beth Berra | 28. _____ |
| 11. Rose Seary | 29. _____ |
| 12. Ryan Smith | 30. _____ |
| 13. Albon | 31. _____ |
| 14. RL McCarty | 32. _____ |
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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

On the 17th day of April, 2023, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special meeting at 402 Park Street, Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM CHECK

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Powell.

Randy Powell	Mayor
Rolando Rodriguez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Leonard Vasquez	
Chris Keeney	
Alonso Molina	

Others Present: Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary; Epi Ysassi, Interim City Attorney; (see attached list for guests present)

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, 6:32, Councilman Kenney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 to interview finalist for the position of City Manager.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: None
The motion carried

4. RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

At 9:12 p.m., Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to reconvene in Regular Session.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: None
The motion carried

5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF TAFT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Councilman Kenney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to offer the position of city manager to William Linn.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: Vasquez, Powell

Absent: None

The motion carried

Discussion continued regarding a transition period between the Interim City Manager and Mr. Linn and to allow Mr. Arismendez to work until May 15th in order to close out some projects. The City Secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Linn regarding a start date availability. Council agreed to call a special meeting on April 24, 2023, instead of the regular meeting on the 25th of April in order to meet with Mr. Linn and discuss a hire packet.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Keeney, motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina, Powell

Noes: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried

CITY OF TAFT

Randy Powell,

Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Topper,

City Secretary

CITY OF TAFT
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

On the 24th day of April, 2023, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special meeting at City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM CHECK

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Powell.

Randy Powell	Mayor
Rolando Rodriguez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Leonard Vasquez	
Chris Keeney	
Alonso Molina	

Others Present: Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary; Epi Ysassi, Interim City Attorney; (see attached list for guests present)

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, PRESENTATION BY PHIL VAUGHN.

Mr. Phil Vaughn presented the FY October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022, financial audit to Council and explained the outlined highlights. Some of the concerns from the previous year audit had been completed, some were still outstanding.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: None
The motion carried

4. RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

At 9:12 p.m., Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to reconvene in Regular Session.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: None
The motion carried

5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF TAFT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Councilman Kenney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to offer the position of city manager to William Linn.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: Vasquez, Powell

Absent: None

The motion carried

Discussion continued regarding a transition period between the Interim City Manager and Mr. Linn and to allow Mr. Arismendez to work until May 15th in order to close out some projects. City Attorney Epi Ysassi was instructed to negotiate a contract with Mr. Linn. The City Secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Linn regarding a start date availability. Council agreed to call a special meeting on April 24, 2023, instead of the regular meeting on the 25th of April in order to meet with Mr. Linn and discuss a hire packet.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Keeney, motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina, Powell

Noes: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried

CITY OF TAFT

Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Topper, City Secretary

CITY OF TAFT
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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1. Phil Vaughan

2. David McGary

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

On the 1st day of May, 2023, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special meeting at 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM CHECK

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell at 6:30 P.M.

Randy Powell	Mayor
Rolando Rodriguez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Leonard Vasquez	
Chris Keeney	
Alonso Molina	

Others Present: Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary, Epi Ysassi, Interim City Attorney (see attached list for guests present)

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME 6:32 P.M. PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 TO REVIEW EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR WILLIAM LINN FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to go into executive session.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: TIME 7:02 P.M.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina to return to open session.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina
Noes: None
Absent: None
The motion carried

5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT REGARDING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM LINN FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER

Mayor Powell motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to approve the employment contract as amended in executive session for employment of William Linn. Councilman Vasquez commented that he would vote no because of the insurance benefits, and electronics , and salary.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: Vasquez

Absent: None

The motion carried

18. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: None

Absent: None

The motion carried

CITY OF TAFT

Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Topper, City Secretary

CITY OF TAFT
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 1, 2023
6:30 P.M.

Please Sign In – PLEASE PRINT

1. Nikko Arllano

2. Ruby Gonzales

3. Diego Gonzalez

3. Anthony Hernandez

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

On the 6th day of May, 2023, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special meeting at 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

1. CALL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell at 5:30 P.M.

2. CALL ROLL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM IS PRESENT

Councilman Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Others Present: Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led Pledge of Allegiance

4. PRAYER

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led the prayer.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT

None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TIME 5:32 P.M.

Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to meet in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Interim City Manager

7. OPEN SESSION: TIME 5:36 P.M.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney to return to open session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session be considered.

- Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Interim City Manager

Councilman Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Councilman Keeney Motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to dismiss Sid Arismendez as the Interim City Manager.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

Councilman Vasquez asked that his statement as to why he voted "against" be included in the Minutes: because Mr. Arismendez and City Manager William Linn were not in attendance at this meeting.

8. ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Councilman Vasquez: None

Councilman Keeney: None

Councilman Rodriguez: None

Councilman Molina: asked for an update on RFPs for street improvements to Retama Avenue and Gregory Street; an update on the fire department building improvements & the new library

Mayor Powell: discussion regarding the new library; more fire hydrants and to double check on the current hydrants

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST AND/OR UPCOMING EVENTS

Councilman Vasquez: asked if there was a regular meeting on the second Tuesday of the month (May 9th). City Secretary Topper replied that there was no agenda, the next regular meeting was scheduled for May 23rd.

Councilman Keeney: None

Councilman Rodriguez: None

Councilman Molina: None

Mayor Powell: None

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussions, Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Topper, City Secretary

Available Liquidity

	Balance
Tex Pool Accounts	
General Fund	\$0.00
Hotel Motel Tax	\$0.00
Water/Sewer	\$0.00
Paving Fund	\$0.00
EDC	\$0.00
Tex Pool Total	\$0.00
Cash in Bank	\$4,015,078.77
Total Available Liquidity	\$4,015,078.77

Months of Expenses 4.096333117

Budget Month 7

58.33% of Bud. Yr.

Revenues

Current Period	Year to Date	Budgeted Amount	% Budget Act	% Budget Proj.	Budget Performance
General Fund	\$55,905.15	\$3,865,376.95	\$8,559,558.00	45.26%	58.33% under performing
Water/Sewer	\$100,650.13	\$758,243.49	\$1,477,725.00	51.31%	58.33% under performing
Wastewater	\$67,542.18	\$502,523.67	\$837,600.00	60.00%	58.33% out performing
Sanitation	\$52,981.92	\$369,379.09	\$719,192.00	51.36%	58.33% under performing
TOIC	\$5,406.32	\$18,544.71	\$65,640.00	28.25%	58.33% under performing
EDC	\$10,812.64	\$68,401.43	\$138,000.00	49.57%	58.33% under performing
Total Revenue	\$293,298.34	\$5,582,469.34	\$11,777,715.00	47.40%	58.33% under performing

Expenditures

Current Period	Year to Date	Budgeted Amount	% Budget Act	% Budget Proj.	Budget Performance
General Fund	\$275,657.11	\$2,930,987.15	\$8,529,558.00	34.36%	58.33% out performing
Water/Sewer	\$48,959.70	\$450,298.82	\$1,477,725.00	30.47%	58.33% out performing
Wastewater	\$26,972.10	\$139,967.52	\$837,600.00	16.71%	58.33% out performing
Sanitation	\$40,135.94	\$287,448.05	\$719,192.00	39.97%	58.33% out performing
TOIC	\$0.00	\$1,686.00	\$65,640.00	2.57%	58.33% out performing
EDC	\$0.00	\$8,524.56	\$138,000.00	6.18%	58.33% out performing
Total Expenditures	\$391,724.85	\$3,818,912.10	\$11,767,715.00	32.45%	58.33% out performing
Net Increase/(Decrease)		\$1,763,557.24	\$10,000.00		out performing

REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

-GENERAL FUND
ANCIAL SUMMARY

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
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REVENUE SUMMARY

LT. REVENUE	8,539,558.00	55,905.15	3,865,376.95	45.26	4,674,181.05
AL. REVENUES	8,539,558.00	55,905.15	3,865,376.95	45.26	4,674,181.05

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

ON DEPARTMENTAL VERNMENTAL SERVICES	4,198,248.00	58,921.64	1,195,371.14	28.47	0.00
URT/ADMINISTRATION	85,824.00	7,160.74	53,497.44	62.33	3,002,876.86
MINISTRATION	286,370.00	31,308.13	148,980.27	52.02	32,326.56
ITY SECRETARY	108,950.00	8,688.01	72,130.41	66.21	137,389.73
ILITIES	182,090.00	5,838.17	69,515.57	38.18	36,819.59
IX COLLECTION	17,000.00	0.00	8,675.54	51.03	112,574.43
ALICE/PUBLIC SAFETY	904,677.00	47,294.69	361,784.03	39.99	8,324.46
RE DEPARTMENT	560,000.00	29,363.03	256,978.38	45.89	542,892.97
ERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	183,000.00	14,583.33	116,666.64	63.75	303,021.62
ECTOR CONTROL	9,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,333.36
REET/PUBLIC WORKS	1,032,651.00	22,270.17	288,388.89	27.93	9,400.00
IDDING INSPECTION	57,000.00	3,463.82	17,440.12	30.60	744,262.11
NIAL CONTROL	73,454.00	5,752.64	37,687.74	51.31	39,559.88
ODE ENFORCEMENT	77,053.00	5,651.36	32,873.29	42.66	35,766.26
EHICLE MAINTENANCE	82,053.00	8,467.88	54,263.79	66.13	44,179.71
ARKS/COMMUNITY	553,537.00	10,193.97	128,453.38	23.21	27,789.21
COMMUNITY CENTER/COMM	70,897.00	10,391.47	48,831.10	68.88	425,083.62
BRARY/COMM	47,354.00	6,308.06	39,449.42	83.31	22,065.90
AL EXPENDITURES	8,529,558.00	275,657.11	2,930,987.15	34.36	7,904.58
ENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	10,000.00 (219,751.96)	934,389.80	(5,598,570.85

CITY OF TAFT
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

REMAN'S OPERATING
FUND SUMMARY

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
<u>3. SUMMARY</u>					
REVENUE	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
EXPENSES	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
<u>4. FUND SUMMARY</u>					
REVENUE	50,000.00	0.00	843.57	1.69	49,156.43
EXPENSES	50,000.00	0.00	843.57	1.69	49,156.43
REVENUE OVER/ (UNDER) EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	843.57		843.57

CITY OF TAFT
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

OTHER FUND
TOTAL SUMMARY

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
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REVENUE	<u>1,477,725.00</u>	<u>100,650.13</u>	<u>758,243.49</u>	<u>51.31</u>	<u>719,481.51</u>
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REVENUES	<u>1,477,725.00</u>	<u>100,650.13</u>	<u>758,243.49</u>	<u>51.31</u>	<u>719,481.51</u>
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FUTURE SUMMARY

DEPARTMENTAL	<u>1,477,725.00</u>	<u>48,959.70</u>	<u>450,298.82</u>	<u>30.47</u>	<u>1,027,426.18</u>
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EXPENDITURES	<u>1,477,725.00</u>	<u>48,959.70</u>	<u>450,298.82</u>	<u>30.47</u>	<u>1,027,426.18</u>
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YES OVER/ (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0.00	51,690.43	307,944.67	(307,944.67)
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CITY OF TAFT
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

INTEREST & SINKING FUND
CIAL SUMMARY

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
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REVENUE	595,000.00	7,443.02	521,429.79	87.64	73,570.21
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REVENUES	595,000.00	7,443.02	521,429.79	87.64	73,570.21
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DITURE SUMMARY

DEPARTMENTAL	595,000.00	0.00	402,393.33	67.63	192,606.67
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EXPENDITURES	595,000.00	0.00	402,393.33	67.63	192,606.67
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UES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0.00	7,443.02	119,036.46		(119,036.46)
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CITY OF TAFT
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

INTEREST & SINKING FUND

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

JES		CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
00	INTEREST & SINKING INCOME	250,000.00	6,382.67	233,964.57	93.59	16,035.43
01	I & S DELINQUENT INCOME	20,000.00	1,060.35	12,673.11	63.37	7,326.89
35	INTEREST INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	TRANSFER IN	325,000.00	0.00	274,792.11	84.55	50,207.89

REVENUE	595,000.00	7,443.02	521,429.79	87.64	73,570.21
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REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

INTEREST & SINKING FUND
DEPARTMENTAL

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
300-526 OTHER EXPENSES/AGENT FEES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125,000.00
300-528 INTEREST EXPENSE	77,000.00	0.00	49,393.33	64.15	27,606.67
300-535 CURRENT DEBT PRINCIPAL	393,000.00	0.00	353,000.00	89.82	40,000.00
300-540 TRANSFER OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
L NON DEPARTMENTAL	595,000.00	0.00	402,393.33	67.63	192,606.67
EXPENDITURES	595,000.00	0.00	402,393.33	67.63	192,606.67
UES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0.00	7,443.02	119,036.46	(119,036.46)

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CIAL SUMMARY

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
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UE SUMMARY

REVENUE	138,000.00	10,812.64	68,401.43	49.57	69,598.57
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REVENUES	138,000.00	10,812.64	68,401.43	49.57	69,598.57
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DITURE SUMMARY

DEPARTMENTAL	138,000.00	0.00	8,524.56	6.18	129,475.44
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EXPENDITURES	138,000.00	0.00	8,524.56	6.18	129,475.44
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UES OVER/ (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0.00	10,812.64	59,876.87	(59,876.87)
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	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
<u>VENUE SUMMARY</u>					
ALL REVENUE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>PENDITURE SUMMARY</u>					
NON DEPARTMENTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00

CITY OF TAFT
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

WASTEWATER FUND
NCIAL SUMMARY

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
<u>NUE SUMMARY</u>					
L. REVENUE	837,600.00	67,542.18	502,523.67	60.00	335,076.33
L. REVENUES	837,600.00	67,542.18	502,523.67	60.00	335,076.33
<u>NDITURE SUMMARY</u>					
N DEPARTMENTAL	837,600.00	26,972.10	139,967.52	16.71	697,632.48
L EXPENDITURES	837,600.00	26,972.10	139,967.52	16.71	697,632.48
NUES OVER/ (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0.00	40,570.08	362,556.15	(362,556.15)

CITY OF TAFT
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

CURRENT BUDGET CURRENT PERIOD YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL % OF BUDGET BALANCE

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REVENUE 8,000.00 4,438.20 49,343.14 616.79 (41,343.14)

REVENUES

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

8,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 8,000.00

DEPARTMENTAL

8,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 8,000.00

EXPENDITURES

0.00 4,438.20 49,343.14 (49,343.14)

NUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES

0.00 4,438.20 49,343.14 (49,343.14)

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CITY OF TAFT
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
<u>REVENUE SUMMARY</u>					
ALL REVENUE	65,640.00	5,406.32	18,544.71	28.25	47,095.29
PAID REVENUES	65,640.00	5,406.32	18,544.71	28.25	47,095.29
<u>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</u>					
GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL	65,640.00	0.00	1,686.00	2.57	63,954.00
GENERAL EXPENDITURES	65,640.00	0.00	1,686.00	2.57	63,954.00
REVENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	0.00	5,406.32	16,858.71	(16,858.71)

CITY OF TAFT
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: APRIL 30TH, 2023

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FUND
FUND SUMMARY

58.33% OF YEAR COMP.

CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
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FUND SUMMARY

REVENUE	719,192.00	52,681.92	369,379.09	51.36	349,812.91
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EXPENSES	719,192.00	52,681.92	369,379.09	51.36	349,812.91
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DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARY

DEPARTMENTAL	719,192.00	40,135.94	287,448.05	39.97	431,743.95
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EXPENDITURES	719,192.00	40,135.94	287,448.05	39.97	431,743.95
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OVER/UNDER EXPENDITURES	0.00	12,545.98	81,931.04	(81,931.04)
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NO. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 674

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL SIGNATURES OF THE CITY OF TAFT FOR BANKING AND DEPOSITORY SERVICES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Taft, Texas maintains bank accounts at the City's Depository Bank for the disbursement of funds in order to conduct business of the City, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council is responsible for designating authorized signatories for checks drawn on the City's bank accounts, and;

WHEREAS, in the event that an authorized signatory of the City changes (elections, illness, resignations, etc.), the City will notify the Depository Bank of the change and make appropriate revisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the recitals contained in the preamble hereto are hereby found to be true and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

Section 2. That the following are designated as the individuals authorized to sign the disbursements, on all fund accounts, on behalf of the City of Taft. Any two (2) of the following named officers of the City of Taft, whose actual signatures are shown below are required and that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agents signing the same.

Randy Powell, Mayor

Rolando Rodriguez, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alonso Molina, Councilman

Chris Keeney, Councilman

Leonard Vasquez, Councilman

Molly Topper, City Secretary

William Linn, City Manager

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the City's accounts with the Financial Institution bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent's personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any two (2) of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes and other items payable to or owned by the City for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution; and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-named Agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks, or items of the Entity may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions. The other agreements and other acts may not be contrary to the provisions contained in this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority hereby conferred upon the above-named Agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of any amendment or revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at each location where an account is maintained. Financial Institution shall be indemnified and held harmless from any lost suffered or any liability incurred by it in continuing to act in accordance with this resolution. Any such notice shall not affect any items in process at the time notice is given.

I, further certify that the above-named persons names occupy the positions set forth opposite their respective names and signatures; that the foregoing Resolutions now stand of record on the books of the City; that they are in full force and effect and have not been modified in any manner whatsoever.

Section 3. Repealer. This resolution shall be cumulative of all other resolutions of the City of Taft, and this resolution shall not operate to repeal, or, affect any other resolutions, insofar, as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this resolution; in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, are hereby repealed. The repeal or amendment of any resolution, or, part of any resolution effectuated by the enactment of this resolution, shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under, or, by virtue of such resolution, as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or affecting any rights of the City of Taft under any section or provisions of any resolutions in effect at the time of passage of this resolution.

Section 4. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this resolution be severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this resolution shall be declared invalid by judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this resolution and the remainder of this resolution shall be enforced as written.

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Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution will take effect upon its adoption by the City Council and publications requirements as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, THIS 23rd DAY OF MAY, 2023.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Molly Topper, City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 674

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL SIGNATURES OF THE CITY OF TAFT FOR BANKING AND DEPOSITORY SERVICES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Taft, Texas maintains bank accounts at the City's Depository Bank for the disbursement of funds in order to conduct business of the City, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council is responsible for designating authorized signatories for checks drawn on the City's bank accounts, and;

WHEREAS, in the event that an authorized signatory of the City changes (elections, illness, resignations, etc.), the City will notify the Depository Bank of the change and make appropriate revisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the recitals contained in the preamble hereto are hereby found to be true and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

Section 2. That the following are designated as the individuals authorized to sign the disbursements, on all fund accounts, on behalf of the City of Taft. Any two (2) of the following named officers of the City of Taft, whose actual signatures are shown below are required and that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agents signing the same.

Randy Powell, Mayor

Rolando Rodriguez, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alonso Molina, Councilman

Chris Keeney, Councilman

Leonard Vasquez, Councilman

Molly Topper, City Secretary

William Linn, City Manager

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the City's accounts with the Financial Institution bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent's personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any two (2) of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes and other items payable to or owned by the City for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution; and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-named Agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks, or items of the Entity may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions. The other agreements and other acts may not be contrary to the provisions contained in this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority hereby conferred upon the above-named Agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of any amendment or revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at each location where an account is maintained. Financial Institution shall be indemnified and held harmless from any loss suffered or any liability incurred by it in continuing to act in accordance with this resolution. Any such notice shall not affect any items in process at the time notice is given.

I, further certify that the above-named persons names occupy the positions set forth opposite their respective names and signatures; that the foregoing Resolutions now stand of record on the books of the City; that they are in full force and effect and have not been modified in any manner whatsoever.

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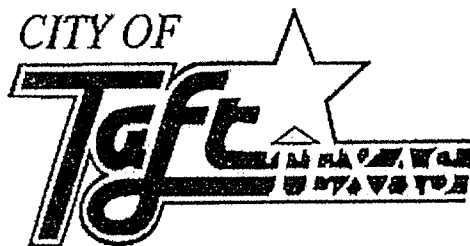
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City of Taft

Banking Depository Policy

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines in accordance with Title 4 Finances, Subtitle "A" Municipal Finances, Section 105 Depositories for Municipal Funds of the Texas Local Government Code; that governs and protects funds held by a banking depository agency on behalf of the City of Taft ("the City").

SECTION 1.02 FUNDS AFFECTED

This policy applies to all the depository funds of the City or any department or agency of the City held in custody of the approved Bank Depository of the City.

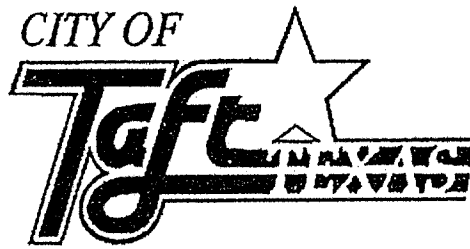
ARTICLE II. DEPOSITORY SELECTION PROCESS

SECTION 2.01 AUTHORIZATION OF DEPOSITORY

Before awarding a depository services contract to a depository, the governing body of the City shall receive applications in the form of a request-for-proposal ("RFP") for the performance of depository services from one or more banks, credit unions, or savings associations.

The governing body may consider the RFP of a bank, credit union, or savings association that is not doing business within the municipal limits if:

- (1) the bank, credit union, or savings association maintains a place of business within the state and offers within the state the services required by the depository services contract; and



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- (2) if establishing such a depository is in the best interest of the City.

The City Manager or other designated officer shall request, receive, and review applications for the performance of depository services. The City Manager or other designated officer shall present the specifications of each application to the governing body who will then select a depository.

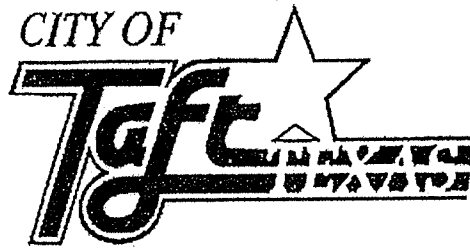
SECTION 2.02 SOLICITATION OF BIDS

The City Manager or other designated officer shall publish notice, in at least the official newspaper of the City or other newspaper of general circulation in the City, that the City is requesting the submission of RFP's for the performance of depository services.

The published notice must contain:

- (1) the name and address of the City Manager or other designated officer receiving the RFP's;
- (2) the date and time the applications are to be received by the City Manager or other designated officer; and
- (3) the date, time, and place the governing body of the City will consider the selection of one or more depositories.

The notice requesting submission of RFP's shall be published at least once not later than 21 days prior to the deadline for receipt of applications for depository services contracts.



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SECTION 2.03 REVIEW OF BIDS

In reviewing the RFP'S, the City Manager or other designated officer shall consider the terms and conditions for the performance of depository services, including the type and cost of services to be provided to the City, consistent with any policy guidelines adopted by the governing body regarding the selection of one or more depositories.

The City Manager or other designated officer may not consider an RFP if it is received after the date specified in the notice for receiving applications by the City Manager or other designated officer.

SECTION 2.04 SELECTION OF BANK DEPOSITORY

The governing body shall designate, by an order recorded in its minutes, the bank, credit union, or savings association to serve as a depository for the municipality's funds.

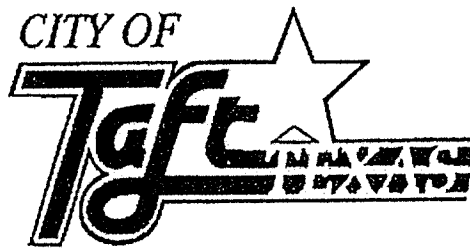
The governing body may reject any of the applications and readvertise if all applications are rejected.

The governing body of the City may authorize the City Manager or other designated officer to execute on the municipality's behalf one or more depository services contracts.

If a bank, credit union, or savings association selected as a municipal depository does not provide security by the deadline prescribed by Section 3.01, the selection of the bank, credit union, or savings association as a depository is void, and the governing body may consider the application it deems to be the next most advantageous depository services application.

In addition to depository services, the City may contract with financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings associations, for additional financial services under a separate contract if the governing body of the City determines that additional financial services are necessary in the administration, collection, investment, and transfer of municipal funds.

The conflict of interests' provisions of Texas Local Government Code Section 131.903 shall apply to the selection of the depositories.



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SECTION 2.05 TERM OF BANK DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT

The City may approve, execute, and deliver any depository services contract whose term does not exceed five years. The depository services contract may only contain terms and conditions approved by the governing body of the municipality.

ARTICLE III COLLATERALIZATION OF FUNDS HELD

SECTION 3.01 QUALIFICATION

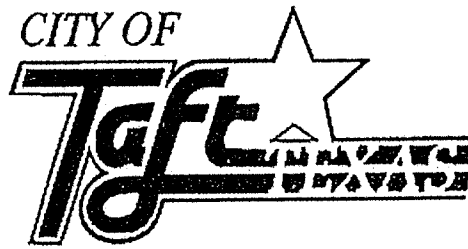
The bank or savings association, to qualify as a municipal depository, must, not later than five days before the commencement of the term of the depository services contract, provide security for the municipal funds to be deposited in accordance with the terms of the depository services contract.

SECTION 3.02 AMOUNTS AND TYPE OF COLLATERALIZATION

Full collateralization will be required on all time and demand deposit accounts, including checking accounts and non-negotiable certificates of deposit above the FDIC insurance coverage.

In accordance with Texas Government Code 2257, authorized collateral for time and demand deposits will include only Obligations of the US Government, its agencies and instrumentalities and state and local obligations of any state rated A or better by one nationally recognized rating agency.

All collateral will be maintained with a market value of 103% and held in an independent safekeeping institution outside the holding company of the depository.



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ARTICLE IV CONDITIONS TO ACT AS BANK DEPOSITORY

SECTION 4.01 GENERAL CONDITIONS

The depository shall:

- (1) keep the municipal funds covered by the depository services contract;
- (2) perform all duties and obligations imposed on the depository by law and under the depository services contract;
- (3) pay on presentation all checks drawn and properly payable on a demand deposit account with the depository;
- (4) pay all transfers properly payable as directed by the City Manager or other designated officer;
- (5) provide and maintain security at the level required in Section 3.02 and in accordance to the provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 2257; and
- (6) account for the municipal funds as required by law or requested by the City.

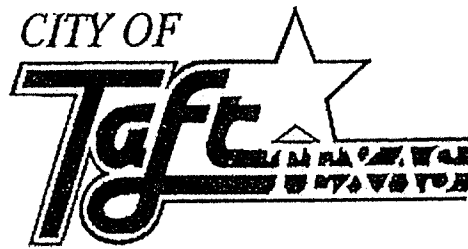
Any suit brought in connection with a depository services contract must be tried in San Patricio County, Texas; the county in which the City Hall of the City of Taft is located.

ARTICLE V BANK DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS

SECTION 5.01 TYPE AND AMOUNTS OF DEPOSITS

The governing body of the City may determine and designate in the depository services contract the type and amount of municipal funds that will be demand deposits. However, the City has the right to maintain other investments of municipal funds in accordance with the investment policy adopted by the municipality.

The City Manager or other designated officer may contract with a depository for interest on time deposits, including, without limitation, certificates of deposit, at any legal rate under federal or state law, rule, or regulation.



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Investments of the City shall be governed conjointly by the City of Taft Investment Policy and Texas Government Code 2256.

SECTION 5.02 DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

All funds received by the City shall be properly accounted for, a deposit ticket completed identifying the types of cash or cash equivalents to be deposited, and deposited with the approved Bank Depository the next business day after receipt of funds or the subsequent business day if the next business day is a weekend or City observed holiday. In no instance shall any deposit be made later than the fifth day after receipt of funds.

SECTION 5.03 OBLIGATIONS PAYABLE AT BANK DEPOSITORY

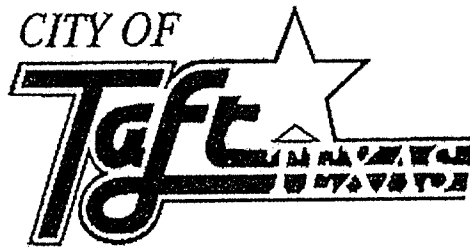
Checks drawn by the treasurer of the City against municipal funds on deposit are payable by the depository at its place of business in the municipality.

Checks presented for payment at the depository shall bear the signatures of two (2) authorized signatories.

Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions must have two factor authentication prior to disbursement of funds.

Cashier checks must bear the signatures of two (2) authorized signatories.

The governing body of the City may direct the City Manager or other designated officer to withdraw from a depository and deposit money sufficient to pay a bond, coupon, or other indebtedness of the municipality at a place other than at the municipal treasury if by its terms the indebtedness is payable on maturity or upon redemption prior to maturity at the other location.



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ARTICLE VI LIABILITY AND REPORTING

SECTION 6.01 LIABILITY

The City Manager or other designated officer is not responsible for any loss of City funds through the negligence, failure, or wrongful act of a depository.

This section **does not** release the City Manager or other designated officer from responsibility for a loss resulting from the **official misconduct** of the City Manager or other designated officer, including a misappropriation of the funds, or from responsibility for the funds until a depository is selected and the funds are deposited.

SECTION 6.02 REPORTING

In conjunction with the publication of the annual financial statement of the City, the City Manager or other designated officer shall prepare a report which shall describe in summary form:

- (1) the amount of receipts and expenditures of the City treasury;
- (2) the amount of money on hand in each fund;
- (3) the amount of bonds becoming due for redemption that require action;
- (4) the amount of interest to be paid during the next fiscal year; and
- (5) any other information required by law to be reported by the City Manager or other designated officer.

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